

Dressmaking

For the accommodation of those who continue to demand the services of our dressmakers it has been decided to keep Mrs. Phelps' dressmaking rooms open until the first of August. Mrs. Wright's rooms close for the season to-day. Mr. McFarland's tailoring department will accept no more work and will suspend for the summer next Wednesday.

L. S. AYRES & CO.

Sole Agents for Standard Patterns.

Manufacturer of Girdles and Work.

Monday's Bargain Sale

Sweeps the Platter!

REMNANTS In Drapery and Upholstery

Cuttings from our work rooms.

Suitable for covers of all kinds for chairs, cushions, etc.

232 of them at 23 cts.

321 of them at 47 cts.

All to go Monday.

Albert Gall

Carpets, Draperies, Wall Paper, 17 and 19 West Washington Street.

Hardwood Floors laid, finished and refinished.

Two Hundred of

Hitz's Quaker

Bread

Coupons

Will secure you choice of one of 15 handsome pictures

Each worth \$2 and all beautifully framed and ornamental to any parlor

RURAL FREE DELIVERY

HEADQUARTERS FOR WESTERN DIVISION TO BE IN THIS CITY.

Changed from St. Louis—Special Agents to Meet Here To-day.

This city has been designated as the headquarters of the Western rural free delivery and the office will be in charge of F. M. Dice, of Crawfordville. Mr. Dice is special agent in charge of all the territory west of Buffalo and the headquarters have been at St. Louis. The work of rural free delivery is being largely experimental. A room will be set aside for the purpose of building, but for the present the office force will be composed of Mr. Dice and his stenographer only.

To-day the special agents of the Western territory will meet in this city and the work will be mapped out. It is expected that eight or ten of the special agents will be here.

NEW CATHOLIC CHURCH.

One to Be Built at North Indianapolis—Other Catholic Affairs.

Rev. Stephen J. Donohue, assistant priest at St. John's Church, is engaged in raising a fund to build a new Catholic church at North Indianapolis. He will be in charge of building the church.

Bishop Joseph H. Richter, of Grand Rapids, dedicated a church at Louisville, Ky., yesterday. He stopped in this city on his way south. His mission to this part of the country was the guest of Rev. Francis H. Gavis.

Rev. Francis Ryves, recently ordained at Mount St. Mary's Seminary, Cincinnati, is now an assistant priest at St. John's Church. He was born at New Albany and is twenty-six years old.

CITY NEWS NOTES.

Paul Bonner, a saloonkeeper at 602 South West street, was arrested yesterday and charged with selling or giving away liquor on Sunday.

William Page, colored, the waiter at Haynes' restaurant who assisted Alfred Duval, was arrested yesterday by Patrolmen Lawler and Barnum.

Earl Smith, a twenty-year-old colored lad, whom it is claimed stole \$5.00 from the Summerville laundry yesterday, was arrested by Detectives Wilson and Spain. The lad claims he got but \$4.

Standing Interlocking Switches.

C. T. McCloud, one of the oldest engineers on the Chicago & Great Western Railroad, is at the Occidental Hotel. Twenty years ago he was a station agent and telegrapher on what is now the Chicago division of the Big Four road. His headquarters are now at St. Paul, Minn. His mission to this part of the country is to secure all the knowledge possible concerning the methods of operating trains by block signals in this State. His road contemplates equipping its Chicago and St. Paul divisions with a complete system of block signals and interlocking switches, and his instructions are to visit all the principal towers and interlocking plants operated by the different railroads in this vicinity and make himself perfectly familiar with their workings. The officers of the Great Western think that by following this method, instead of consulting with the heads of the signal departments of the different roads, a better understanding of the practical working of the system can be gained.

Solid, Safe Investment.

Six per cent. not guaranteed preferred stock, Taibott Place Company. For further information call on W. E. Stevenson, 129 East Market street.

CLOTHING FOR INMATES

MR. ESMANN'S MANUFACTURING EXPERIENCE AT WORKHOUSE.

Winter Underwear Stock Completed by Prisoners—Wants to Make Shoes.

Superintendent William Esmann of the county workhouse is preparing to ask the County Commissioners to take steps to make the institution self-sustaining. It will involve the purchase of machinery for the manufacture of shoes and clothing for the inmates of all the county institutions.

He entered on his duties last January. He says he found that one of the largest items of expense was for shoes and clothing for inmates. At that time he suggested to the commissioners the manufacture of these articles at the institution, but his request was not acted on as the commissioners felt that the prisoners were confined for such short terms they could not be profitably employed at any work requiring skill.

Since that time Mr. Esmann has introduced his plan in the institution without the co-operation of the commissioners, to the extent of putting the women at work making underwear and shirts for the inmates. With hardly any expense he has supplied all their wants and has laid in a full supply of winter underwear, as the result of his first effort. So far as shoes are concerned, he has been unable to do anything without machinery. He says the claim of the commissioners that the terms of the prisoners are too short to admit of anything but common labor is not a good one, for many of his charges are in for upwards of two years and it is his experience, moreover, that the general run of short-term prisoners are almost constantly in the workhouse during the winter months.

He estimated the cost of putting in the machinery, but thinks that when he reports to the commissioners the progress he has made there will be little doubt about getting the money required to complete his plan. His plan contemplates the manufacture of all the clothing and underwear for inmates of not only the workhouse, but also the poorhouse and all other county institutions.

EXPERIENCES WITH PRISONERS.

Mr. Esmann has some peculiar experiences with prisoners, according to his story. Some of them come in, do as they are told and go out without causing trouble. These prisoners are regarded kindly and as much as is consistent with good discipline is done to make their confinement less irksome. Occasionally, and even more frequently than otherwise, prisoners rebel against restraining authority, and the handling of these inmates requires much tact.

Some of the rebellious ones are older men, who ought to know better, inasmuch as they always bring upon themselves the odium of being troublesome. One of these, however, has apparently little effect except to temporarily subside them.

The most trouble some people for the average superintendent are those who, when free, live well and indulge themselves to the limit in the pleasures of the city. The strict discipline, the coarse clothes and plain fare vex such prisoners. Three such prisoners came to trial a few days ago. They were part of a gang of swindlers which, some time ago, rented an office in the Stevenson building from which they sent written orders to wholesale grocers for quantities of tobacco and other goods under the names of prominent firms of this city. The goods, when secured, were sold at a reduced price.

These men were given work sentences and all three were disciplined about two weeks ago because they brought back a few dollars and accepted their condition without resistance. They were put to work in the stoneyard and did well for a few days. Recently one of them was caught talking to other prisoners, and for punishment was compelled to go without his dinner. He went to his cell alone with his friends. All agreed that the man should be punished. The superintendent, when it came time for work before him, "We have made him a mind not to work until I get my dinner," said the aggrieved one.

"Now, boys," said the superintendent, "I am going to give you a chance to go back to work without trouble, but let me tell you I make up my mind that you are going to work you can get but little help."

"Well, respected superintendent," "I never found a man who could make me do anything I didn't want to do up to this time."

"In that case," replied the superintendent, "this is the time you will find something different than usual. Now, I am going to tell you what you will have to do. Guard, turning to one of the guards in the room, take these men and put them in the dungeon. Keep them there for a full week. For the first two days give them two meals a day for the first two days give them two meals a day and for the rest of the time give them one meal a day. I will look into their case further."

All of them went out doggedly. For the first two days little was said to indicate any change in their condition. They were confined in the dark room, without beds or pillows to sleep on. During the fourth day they were given and asked to be released, but the guards paid no attention to them. At the end of the fourth day the three men were taken before the superintendent, who, after looking at them for some time, said: "Well, boys, you are ready to go back to work," asked the superintendent.

"Oh, yes, superintendent," "I am ready to go back to work," said the man who had been punished. "We were ready to go to work before we had been there a day. I am ready to go back to work."

Since then the men have given the officers no trouble.

NOT THE SAME PRUITT.

A Deserted Wife's Inquiry of the Chicago Coroner.

The wife and the father of William F. Pruitt, who disappeared eleven weeks ago, deserting his wife and his five-year-old son, have made inquiry of the coroner at Cook county, Illinois, at Chicago, as to whether a man named Pruitt who killed himself at the Palmer House not long ago was the Indianapolis Pruitt. The coroner has replied that the man who committed suicide was William F. Pruitt, an inventor, forty years old and a native of Kentucky. This information has satisfied William F. Pruitt's family.

That he is not the man who killed himself, because he is but twenty-nine years old, is a plasterer by trade and was born in this city. Last night he denied that he knew where his son was located or had heard from him since his flight from home.

William F. Pruitt wounded a woman named Annie Foster, who had been supporting him, by shooting her in the chest. The Pruitts here heard of the shooting and decided to make an investigation.

The Railway Conductors' Picnic.

The Indianapolis members of the Order of Railway Conductors are preparing an elaborate picnic for their outing at the State fair grounds July 15. In addition to races of all kinds there will be dancing to music by the Indianapolis Military Band and speeches by Governor Morton, Mayor Taggart, J. B. Cockrum and E. E. Clark, grand chief of the Order of Railway Conductors. The picnic will be held in the morning. For each of the five events there will be three prizes. The first will be a race for conductors, the next for girls under eighteen, the third for boys under fifteen, the fourth for any one who never won a prize before. The picnic will be a grand success.

In the afternoon there will be five horse races under the auspices of the Business Men's Driving Club. Entries for the races are 3.30, 2.30, 2.30 and free-for-all classes. Three running races will be on the program for one-half and five-eighths mile.

A CAST OF HIS FEATURES.

One Taken of Mr. Julian by Sculptor Mahoney.

The funeral of the late George W. Julian will be held at 2:30 this afternoon from his late home, in Irvington, Rev. Frederic E. Dewhurst, of Plymouth Church, officiating. The burial will be in Crown Hill cemetery. Sculptor Mahoney made a plaster cast of Mr. Julian's face yesterday.

MANY PEOPLE EMPLOYED

THE HALF YEAR ENDING JUNE 30 HAS BEEN A PROSPEROUS PERIOD.

Indians Manufacturers and Merchants Highly Pleased—Rush of Business Everywhere.

Careful inquiry among the manufacturers, merchants and business men generally gives evidence that, taken as a whole, the half year ending June 30 was the most prosperous in the history of Indianapolis.

The Atlas engine and boiler works has been employing 700 men and is so busy that orders that no promises are given to complete new work until the fall months. At the Malleable Iron works there are employed between 700 and 800 men and the concern is so crowded with orders that it will not let a man off for a day unless it is a real necessity. The same is true of the other large manufacturing concerns.

Employers 350 men and they are considerably behind in their orders and are working over time. E. C. Atkins & Co., in the forty-five years the establishment has been in operation have never known a year in which their business was as large. In several departments they are working over time. The Parry Manufacturing Company has over 400 men on its payroll and will not shut down for the usual vacation this season, because so crowded with orders. The several flouring mills are now and for a month past have been running nearer to their full capacity than they have for many months.

The various railroad shops have for several months past been employing more men and running more cars than at any time in the last ten years. The furniture manufacturers are enjoying a boom. They have not experienced a dull season for several years. The Dean Brothers report their business unprecedentedly large for the first half of the year. They are employing more men than at any time in their history.

Manufacturers of other articles of large and small scales led the same way of prosperity. South Meridian street merchants are unanimous in their statement that the first six months of 1899 has been their largest volume. A member of one of the dry goods firms says his sales are 20 per cent. ahead of the corresponding period of 1898. A representative of one of the leading millinery firms says on Saturday last his business was 50 per cent. ahead of any former year. The same is true of a large number of the other leading firms. The wholesale grocers have done such a business as to have entered into new fields. Leather dealers report their sales unusually large. They are usually great demand for better so many factories starting up. Leather, iron and steel products have enjoyed the most prosperous year in their history. The wholesale confectionery trade has having been highly satisfactory.

On commission from fully one-third more business was done in the first half of the year 1899 than was in the corresponding period for 1898, and the produce men have had an unusually busy year. The houses have given employment to more men than at any time in years. The killing from 3,000 to 5,000 head of cattle, one-third more cattle have been dressed than at any time in years. The dressed meats in refrigerators cars to Eastern markets. They have made more money than have been given employment to about 500 people. The harness manufacturers are having a fine success. They are giving employment to three hundred or more men. The shoe makers are also doing well. The smaller manufacturing concerns that employ from twenty-five to fifty or more men are doing very well. The prospects with the more pretentious establishments.

Demand for Machinery.

The Nordyke & Marmon Company is having an unprecedented demand for its machinery, the capacity of its immense establishment being taxed to the utmost. Some departments have been operated over time, and a largely increased order has been received. The large new two-story brick millwright shop is nearly completed, and work has been begun on a new brick building of large dimensions, which will be used for lumber storage and dry kilns. The company recently received an order from Minneapolis for forty horse power engines, which will be used in a new mill of that company. A capacity being built by that company in Dakota. The order was placed by Messrs. Herod and Otero, of Bozeman, Montana. It calls for a complete roller flour-mill equipped with a fitted daily capacity. Mr. Otero's son, a Daniel Otero, who is a graduate of the mechanical engineering at Purdue University, is spending his vacation in Indianapolis. He has been assisting in the construction of the Nordyke & Marmon Company to further his studies and to gain a knowledge of flour-milling machinery. He has been in the country one year and will remain about three years longer.

Shipments for June.

The following table, as gathered by the secretary of the Board of Trade, shows the shipments for June over the several roads out of Indianapolis: Flour, 37,500 bushels; wheat, 9,000 bushels; corn, 3,500 bushels; barley, 700 bushels; bran, 250 bushels; hay 7 cars; cement, 3,500 bags; coal, 60 cars; coke, 5 cars; copper, 1 car; corn meal, 100 barrels; 6,782.70 lbs.; cotton, 38 bales; cotton, 1,127 head; hogs, 3,163 head; horses, 1,336 head; mules, 1 head; calves, 1 head; sheep, 14,000 cases; fruit, 1,441.20 lbs.; hair and bristles, 250 lbs.; butter, 35,200 lbs.; ice, 43 cars; iron, 280 cars; lumber, 100 cars; machinery, 26 cars; meat, 100 cars; milk, 100 cars; oil, 100 cars; potatoes, 2,543 bushels; poultry, 100 cases; provisions, 3,162.75 lbs.; salt, 1,000 bushels; spirits and liquors, 1,012 bushels; starch, 1,250 lbs.; stone, 36 cars; tallow, 32,700 lbs.; tobacco, 8.85 lbs.; miscellaneous, 49,807.98 lbs.; merchandise, 109,065.45 lbs.

THE COURT RECORD.

Superior Court.

Room 2—Martin M. Hine, Special Judge.

Benjamin F. Cline vs. Clara L. Martin. Motion to set aside respondent's record; arguments heard; taken under advisement.

New Suits Filed.

Ida M. Moore vs. Wesley S. Moore; suit for divorce. Superior Court, Room 2.

Ann M. Vance vs. Christopher C. Vance; suit for divorce. Superior Court, Room 2.

Coming of Forepaugh-Sells Shows.

The opening performance of the combined Forepaugh-Sells shows, in Madison-square Garden, New York, was most highly spoken of by the New York papers. The most novel and startling exhibition was that by Woodward's trained seals. These extraordinary animals played back instruments, fire pistols and gave an exhibition of juggling which a human hand could not do. The show will be here soon.

Illness of Senator Early.

State Senator Jacob D. Early, of Terre Haute, is at the Deaconess Hospital, in this city, seriously, but not alarmingly, ill. Mr. Early, who has been suffering from recurrent severe bilious attacks for some

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OBJECTS TO STEPCHILDREN.

Dora Marsh Tried Suicide Because They Visited Her.

Dora Marsh, aged thirty-four, living in the rear of 1319 Lee street, West Indianapolis, made an unsuccessful suicide attempt yesterday. She was found by a neighbor, who called on her and found her in a state of unconsciousness. She had been visited by her stepchildren, who she objected to her husband's children by a former wife frequenting her home. She had said that if the youngsters were again brought to the house she would kill herself, and yesterday when one of them did appear, she took the opportunity to do so. She was revived by the neighbors and is now in the hospital.

Volunteer Enlistments.

Those for the Thirty-First Regiment Will Begin To-day.

The volunteer recruiting for Indiana for the Thirty-first United States Volunteer Infantry will commence at Indianapolis this morning. Men enlisted will be at once sent to Fort Thomas, Ky., where the regiment will assemble for a short course of training before being forwarded to Manila. All enlistments will be as privates, the regimental and company noncommissioned officers to be selected by Colonel Pettit. The recruiting will be at the residence of Lieutenant Howell, recruiting officer for the Thirty-first. The enlistments are the same as for the regular army, except citizenship and education is not required. The term of service is until June 30, 1901.

PERSONAL AND SOCIETY.

Mr. Frank M. Millikan has gone to Mount Clemens, Mich., for the summer.

Mrs. S. A. Morgan and son Harry, of Richmond, Indiana, are visiting relatives at Elizabethtown, Ind.

Mrs. Dora Pierson Longsdorf, of Boston, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Schmidt, of Morton Place.

Mr. L. N. Watts and Miss Watts have gone to Chicago to visit Mr. and Mrs. George C. Watts.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brandon are out of town for a short journey, and on their return will visit Dr. and Mrs. H. A. Brandon.

Mr. and Mrs. Monahan, of Alexandria, Ind., will come Wednesday to visit her daughter, Mrs. S. A. Morgan and Mrs. Nettie Sater.

Mr. George C. Pearson, accompanied by his two sons, John and Albert, and Charles, will leave for a tour of the coast, and will spend a week at Kagawong lake, famous for its trout.

Mr. and Mrs. James I. Disette and family will go to Charlevoix, Mich., about the 15th inst., to remain until Oct. 1. Mrs. Disette is the daughter of Mr. J. H. Disette, of Indianapolis, who has been visiting them here. They will accompany them upon their return.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Disette, of Chicago, will occupy a room at the Hotel Park avenue.

Automatic Coupler May Be Abandoned.

The new automatic coupler is proving a source of great trouble and difficulty to operating officials of American railways. The Master Car Builders' standard automatic coupler is now in use on more than a million freight cars in this country, and after the end of the year will be the only freight car used on cars running in general freight service. Some \$15,000,000 has been invested in this coupler, and it is now seriously urged by many officials that the whole Master Car Builders' type should be abandoned and the railways adopt an automatic coupler of some other type.

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Belmont Traffic.

In the week ending July 8 there were transferred over the Belmont road 15,489 cars. The road engines handled at the stockyards 1,327 carsloads of live stock, the receipts being the largest of any week since last November. Belmont road engines handled for private industries on its line 321 loaded cars.

Personal, Local and General Notes.

In the month of June the Vandalla handled at Indianapolis 12,358 cars, 9,206 being loaded.

St. H. church, assistant secretary of the Pennsylvania lines west, is spending a few days in New York.

Employees of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago roads are having a picnic at Rock Point, on Saturday.

The Monon lines earned in June \$321.16, against \$275.75 in June, 1898, and against \$288.48 in June, 1897.

The Baltimore & Ohio has adopted the tonnage system of rating locomotives instead of the old system of rating by horsepower.

Patrons of the Big Four on its Springfield and Sandusky division are calling for the passenger train, and the passenger train is calling for the freight train.

The Pennsylvania has instructed conductors to allow stop-over privileges at Cresson on all first-class tourist tickets.

The Baltimore & Ohio has under consideration the use of electricity on a majority of its branch and suburban lines.

The gross earnings of the Denver & Rio Grande in the ending June 30 were \$330,200 over those of the preceding year.

The directors of the Big Four have decided to increase the dividend to 15 per cent. on its preferred stock, payable July 20.

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